

Additional (Sanctioned?) User of K14

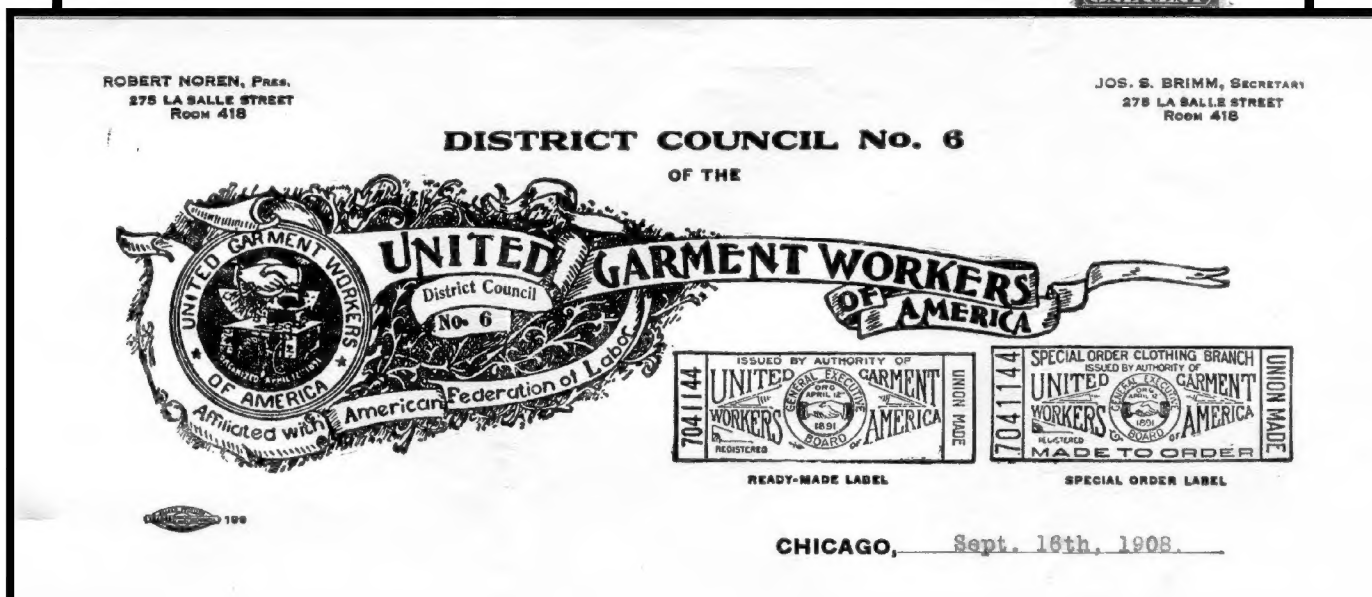
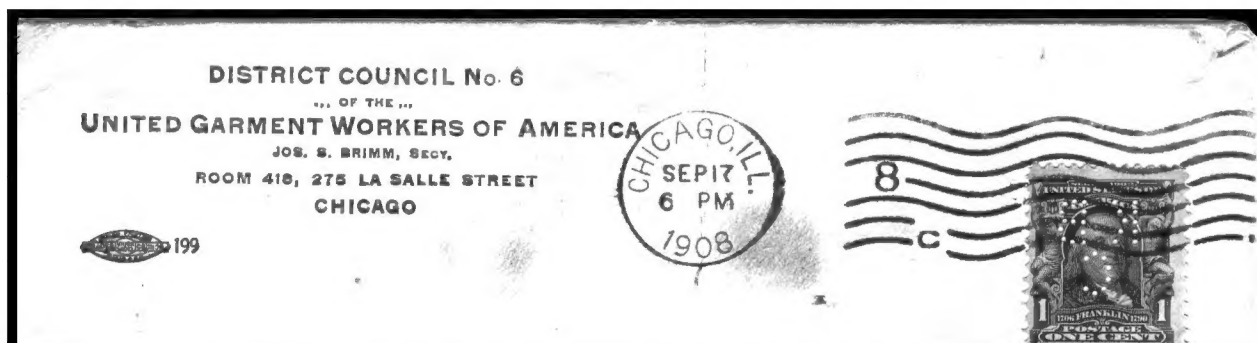
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I recently found this cover with pattern K14 in a 1¢ stamp that was used to pay the circular rate from Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 1908 to Denver, Colorado. I wondered what the connection was to the listed user of the die, Kohn Brothers of Chicago. A search of the World Wide Web led to <http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/ahaa/imagebase/intranet/chiviews/page187.html>, a page from the “Chicago Image Base” maintained by the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Shown on this website is a view of “The Wholesale District, North on Market Street” (from a Chicago Guide published by Rand McNally for visitors to the Worlds Fair in 1893.) The buildings in this scene are identified by number. The building numbered “1” is described as: “The Jewett Building, at the northwest

corner of Market and Monroe Streets, is an old-style 6-story structure, erected in 1874, 95 feet high, with 3 freight elevators. Its exterior is of brick and iron, and its great area may be understood by the statement that it has a frontage of 220 feet on Monroe and 100 on Market Street. It is partly occupied by the well-known wholesale clothing firm of Kohn Brothers, and partly as a warehouse.”

Evidently the Kohn Brothers firm provided the postage for this mailing of the Chicago District Council No. 6 of the United Garment Workers of America. The enclosed form letter advised the addressee where “Union Made” garments could be purchased in Denver.



Cover (above) & letterhead (below) of the United Garment Workers of America, District Council No. 6, Chicago. The cover shows the use of the Kohn Brothers' of Chicago perfin (U.S. K14).